



Automotive National and Economic Security Act of 2026

China has a playbook. Critical minerals, shipbuilding, batteries, and now China is seeking to corner the global automotive market.

China has built its industrial base by gaining access to American ingenuity, replicating technologies domestically through state-subsidies, and exporting its products at artificially low prices. This is a clear strategy aimed at undercutting genuine market competition, weakening American manufacturers, and leaving strategic industries reliant on China.

We cannot allow this to happen to the automotive industry. As today's vehicles become increasingly connected and software-driven, China's underhanded trade tactics present both a risk to our national and economic security.

What the Bill Does

The ***Automotive National and Economic Security Act of 2026*** directs the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a comprehensive study of foreign adversary activity in the U.S. automotive industry and to report the findings to Congress. Specifically, the study will examine:

- Foreign ownership of, and state-directed investment in, U.S. automotives by foreign military organizations, political parties, and state-owned enterprises;
- Joint ventures, subsidiaries, and commercial partnerships with foreign adversaries;
- Transfers of critical and emerging technologies to foreign adversaries; and
- Impacts on U.S. national security, economic competitiveness, and intellectual property protection.

Bottom Line

We cannot allow China to unseat American automotive manufacturing and compromise the technologies and data embedded in the vehicle Americans driver every day.

The ***Automotive National and Economic Security Act*** is commonsense, bipartisan legislation that will give policymakers the information needed to understand the scope of Chinese penetration in the automotive industry, protect the data of millions of American, and safeguard American global competitiveness.

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